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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(B) FOR REVIVAL
OF UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED
PATENT APPLICATION**

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for revival of the above-referenced application, which became unintentionally abandoned on May 25, 2007, because of a failure to timely file a reply to the Office action mailed on August 31, 2006. The entire delay from February 28, 2007 (the last day for responding to the Office action) until the filing of this grantable petition (January 15, 2009) was unintentional.

In particular, the assignee of the above-referenced application instructed William Ryan (United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Registration No. 24,434) to respond to the Office action mailed on August 31, 2006. However, Mr. Ryan failed to file such a response with the USPTO, leading to the abandonment described above. Upon learning that the application had become abandoned, the assignee of the above-referenced

application contacted Mr. Ryan. Mr. Ryan indicated that the response was mistakenly not filed with the USPTO. Mr. Ryan also indicated that he was in the process of retiring but that he would rectify his unintentional mistake by reviving the application. Despite this representation, Mr. Ryan has since failed to take the promised action.

Therefore, on January 14, 2009, the assignee retained Hanley, Flight & Zimmerman, LLC to petition to revive the application. Accordingly, the undersigned now submits this grantable petition in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b). Accompanying this petition is (1) a response to the Office action dated August 31, 2006, and (2) the petition fee of \$1,620.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(m) for a petition to revive an unintentionally abandoned application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 50-2455.

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